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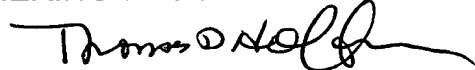
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

Respectfully submitted,  
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